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Please find enclosed a copy of PTO-1449 that was first filed on 20 September 2005. Upon receiving copies of the foreign patent documents and English abstracts for DE 39 40 936 A1 and DE 100 64 141 A1 on 9 February 2006, the examiner has considered these citations, as indicated in the enclosed copy.



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